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A STABILIZER COMBINATION FOR HALOGEN-CONTAINING THERMOPLASTIC  
RESIN COMPOSITIONS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the application as follows prior to calculation of the filing fees and prior to examination of the application.

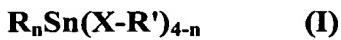
IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-13 without prejudice and substitute claims 14-26 therefor in the application.

14. A stabilizer combination for halogen-containing thermoplastic resins, comprising:

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- a) calcium oxide and/or calcium hydroxide, where these, where appropriate, may have been surface-modified, and have a particle size of not more than 200  $\mu\text{m}$ ;
- b) at least one tin compound of the general formula (I)



Where

n is 1 or 2;